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SUBJECT: IMPROVING OUR SIPRNET WEBSITE

1. Post is committed to classified web-publishing as a way to provide end-users with easy access to cables, biographies, and other post reporting. As part of our ongoing effort to improve our SIPRNET website, post is beta-testing two new applications from the Net-Centric Diplomacy group. These applications will fit nicely into our existing PortalX website. On their April 10-11 visit, the Net-Centric Diplomacy team provided quick and efficient training on these new applications, which substantially upgrade post's ability to load and organize its web content.

Initial Feedback on Net-Centric Software

2. Post is working to integrate the Net-Centric applications with its PortalX webpage. The Net-Centric applications already save time for post's content uploaders, allowing post to focus more on the website's content than on the mechanics of updating the website. Post would recommend three changes to the CableCapture software. First, post would appreciate the ability to add terms and tags to uploaded cables without having to delete and reload them. This capability will be especially important with the introduction of the SIPDIS caption. With cables being loaded to the website automatically, post will need an easy way to define "hot topics" for the website. Second, uploaded cables under a given tag and/or term appear on the website in the order in which they were posted. Post believes it would be more useful for them to appear by cable date, with the most recent cables for each tag or term first. Third, apostrophes turn into quotation marks in uploaded cables. The only way post can fix this problem at present is to manually edit each cable.

Streamlining PortalX

3. With the streamlined CableCapture function (and the expected release of SIPDIS), cable uploading is no longer the primary time-consumer for website management. The biggest obstacle to increasing and expanding our web-content is the upload function of PortalX's daily report. Post currently uploads the daily report as a word document and adds the pictures within PortalX. The uploading process drops most of the document's formatting, and pictures are very time consuming to upload. Post suggests that the daily report uploading feature be modified to enable a word document that is fully formatted and that includes pictures to be uploaded as an html page. We are currently able to do this in other portlets, such as the Egypt at Street Level portlet. We have considered simply changing the daily report portlet into a content portlet, but this would eliminate the daily report archive feature.

4. Post also experiences difficulties with PortalX's search engine. For example, after loading four cables on a recent CODEL, a search on the name of that CODEL (included in the subject line of each cable) only returned two results instead of the expected four.

Comment

5. Post appreciates the support of the PortalX and Net-Centric Diplomacy teams. We look forward to participating in the SIPDIS pilot in the near future. End comment.

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